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1. EAGERLY AWAITING SOLUTION TO FUNDING PROBLEM FOR DR. AL-JAZA'IRI'S VISIT PROMISED YOUR REFTEL AND SUGGESTED ITINERARY. REGARDING LATTER, I RECENTLY RECEIVED LETTER FROM EDWARD J. O'DONOGHUE, VICE PRESIDENT, CYTEX CORPORATION, 2 LINDEN ST., READING, MASSACHUSETTS (TEL. 617-944-8171) EXPRESSING INTEREST HIS CORPORATION IN TRAINING CERTIFIED MEDICAL TECHNICIANS FOR SAUDI ARABIA. DEPARTMENT MAY BE INTERESTED IN CONTACTING HIM AND INCLUDING SUCH A STOP IN PROGRAM WHILE MINISTER IS IN NEW ENGLAND VISITING HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (AS SUGGESTED IN JIDDA 4531 OF JUNE 27).

2. RE. PARA THREE YOUR REFTEL, SAG HAS SIGNED A DOLLARS 730 MILLION WITH BELGIUM CONSORTIUM, HEADED BY EUROSISTEM HOPITALIER, "TO BUILD HOSPITALS AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES IN KINGDOM." CONSORTIUM WILL ALSO CARRY OUT A 12-MONTH STUDY ON INCIDENCE VARIOUS DISEASES IN COUNTRY TO GUIDE IN DESIGN OF HOSPITALS. ALTHOUGH THIS CONTRACT OF CONSIDERABLE SIZE, CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL FOUR BILLION DOLLARS FOR EXPANSION IN HEALTH FIELD.

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